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SUBJ: SOVIET MOON TREATY

1. SINCE SOVS AS COURTESY INFORMED US IN ADVANCE OF INTENTION TO TABLE MOON TREATY, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO MAKE SOME RESPONSE TO MALIK. WE NEED NOT GO INTO SUBSTANCE OF TREATY BUT COULD SIMPLY TELL MALIK THAT DRAFT IS RECEIVING CLOSE STUDY BY USG AND THAT IN PRINCIPLE WE FAVOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AS APPLIED TO OUTER SPACE.

2. WE COULD ALSO REPEAT BUSH'S INFORMAL COMMENT TO MALIK THAT WE BELIEVE PROGRESS ON LIABILITY CONVENTION NECESSARY IF TREATY IS TO RECEIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION BY OTHER DELS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.
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